

National Tsunami Warning Center

Located in Palmer, Alaska website - ntwc.arh.noaa.gov

This center monitors earthquakes world-wide and determines if a tsunami has been generated which may effect the N.A. coasts, and Caribbean.

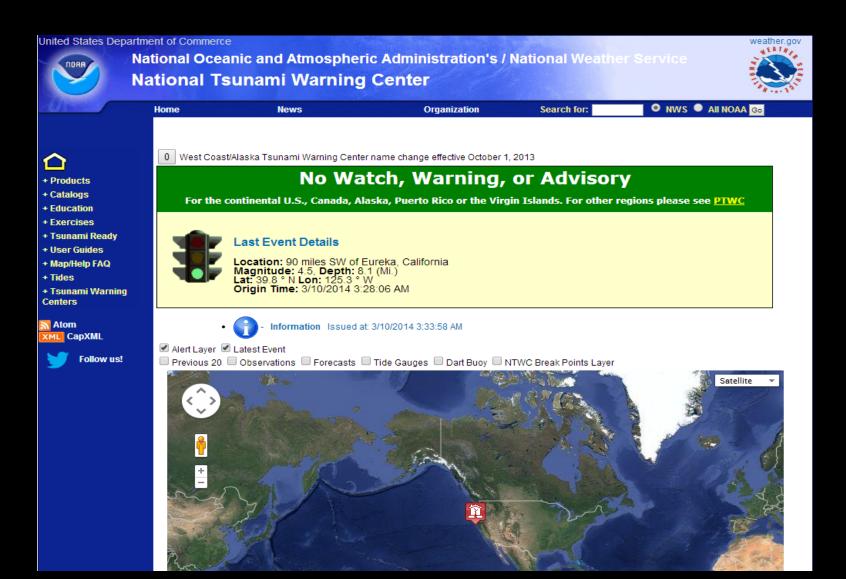
All <u>west coast</u> tsunami warnings, advisories, watches, and informational statements are issued by this office.





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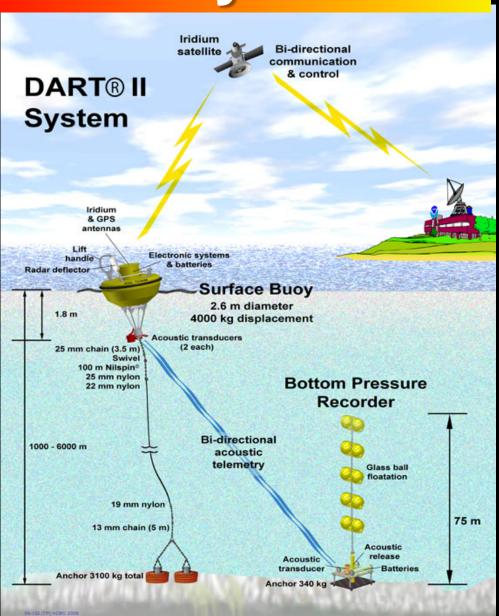


DART buoys

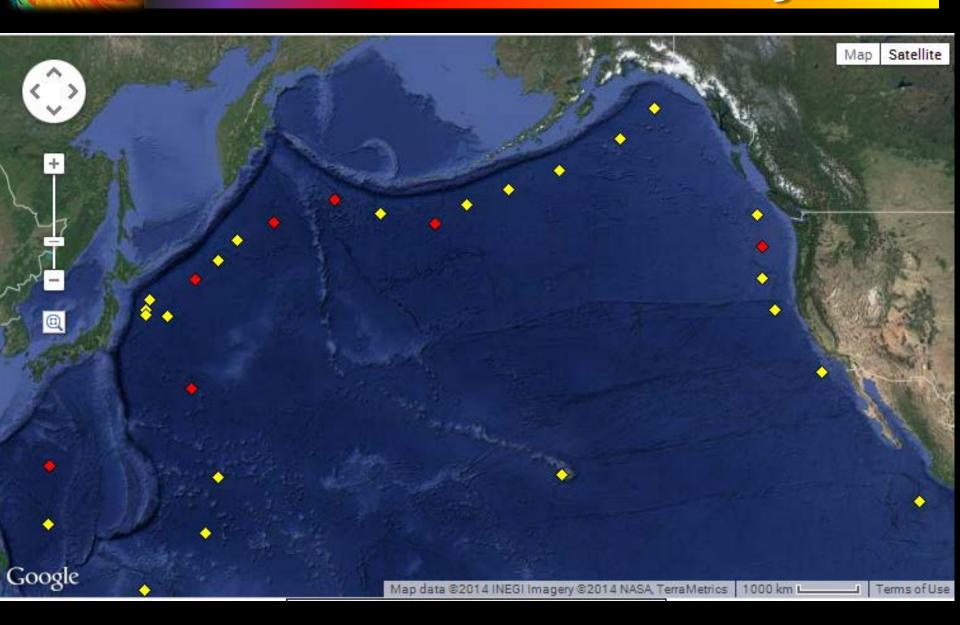
Deep-ocean Assessment and Reporting of Tsunamis - DART[©]

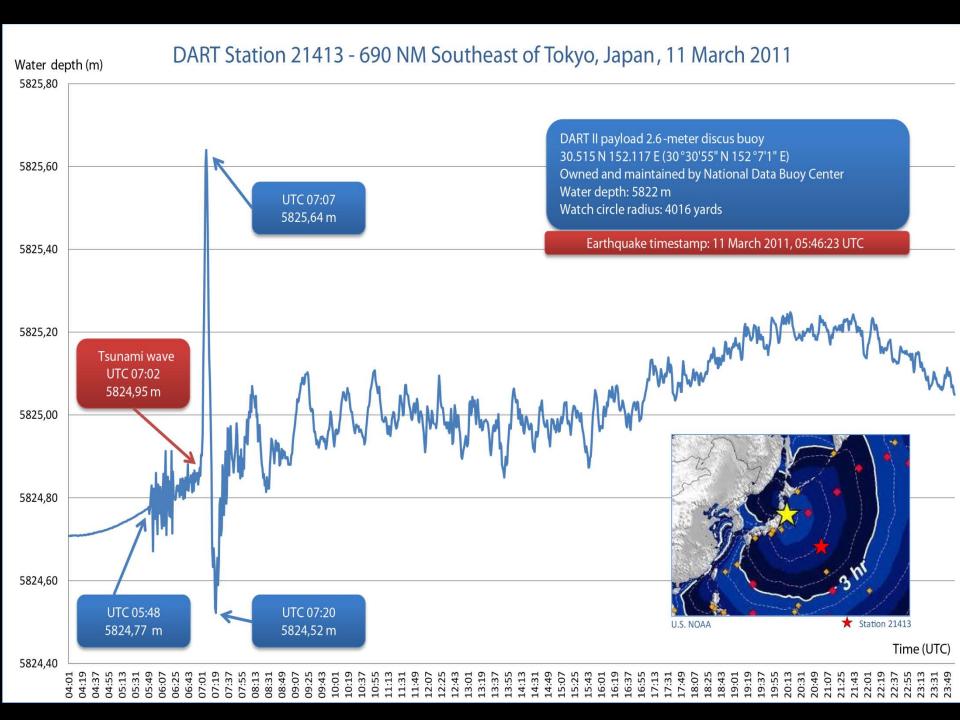
In 2001 there were 6 tsunami buoys across the Pacific Ocean. Today there are 39 for the Pacific, Atlantic, and Caribbean.

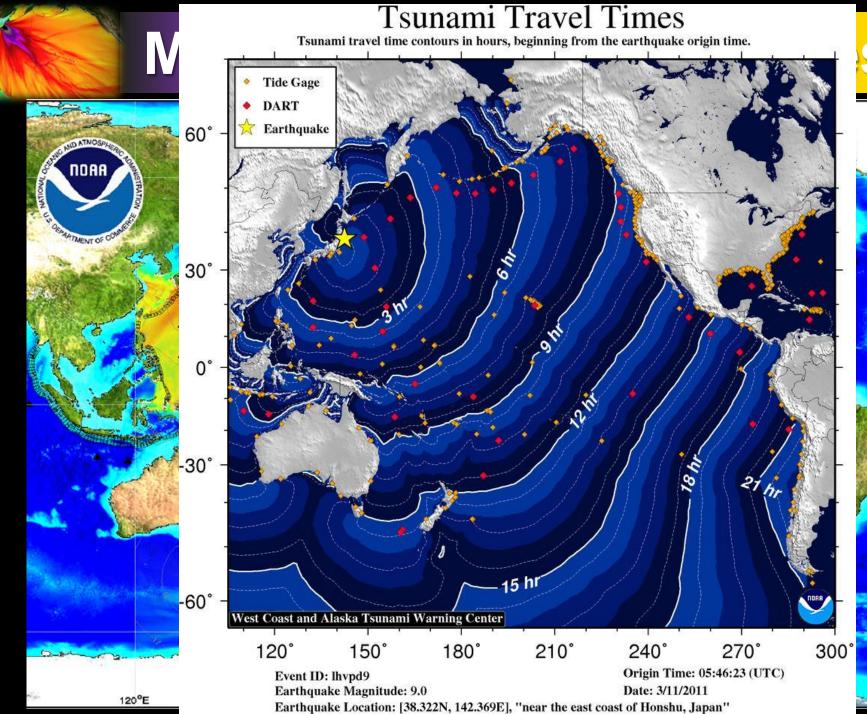




Global DART buoys







Tsunami Warning

Danger! Widespread inundation with waves over 1 meter are imminent or occurring. Move to higher ground immediately!

Tsunami Advisory

Strong currents or waves of up to 1 meter are imminent or occurring. Move away from harbors and marinas.

Tsunami Watch

Potential tsunami which may later impact the area. Can be upgraded to a warning or advisory. Stay tuned.



NTWC Tsunami Notification

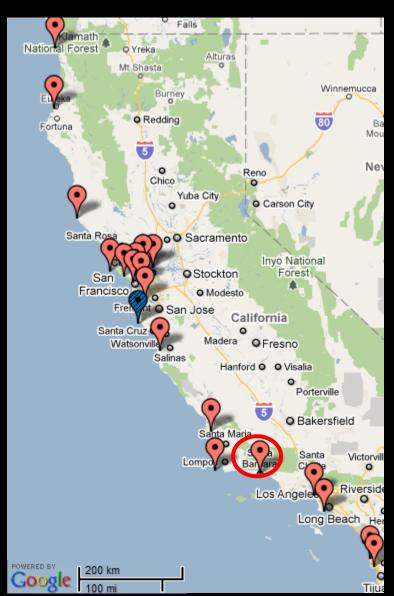
Following the Honshu, Japan earthquake 2011

- Within minutes of the quake, Tsunami Information Statement issued
- Approximately 11:30pm Thursday, March 10
 - ✓ Tsunami WATCH was issued for CA.
- At 12:44am Friday, March 11
 - ✓ Tsunami WARNING issued for north of Pt. Conception
 - ✓ Tsunami ADVISORY issued for south of Pt. Conception.
- Arrival time in Santa Monica predicted at 8:32am PST



Santa Barbara

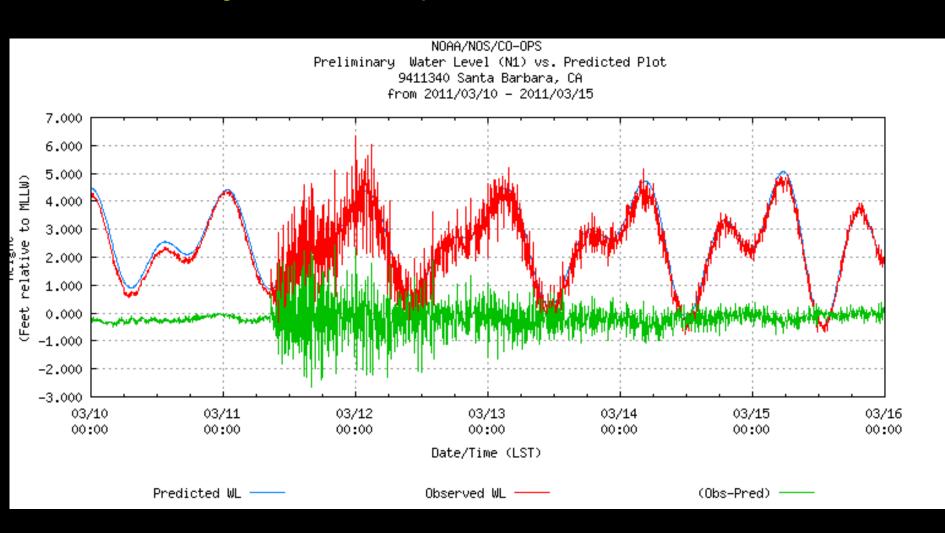
Example from the 2011 Honshu, Japan tsunami



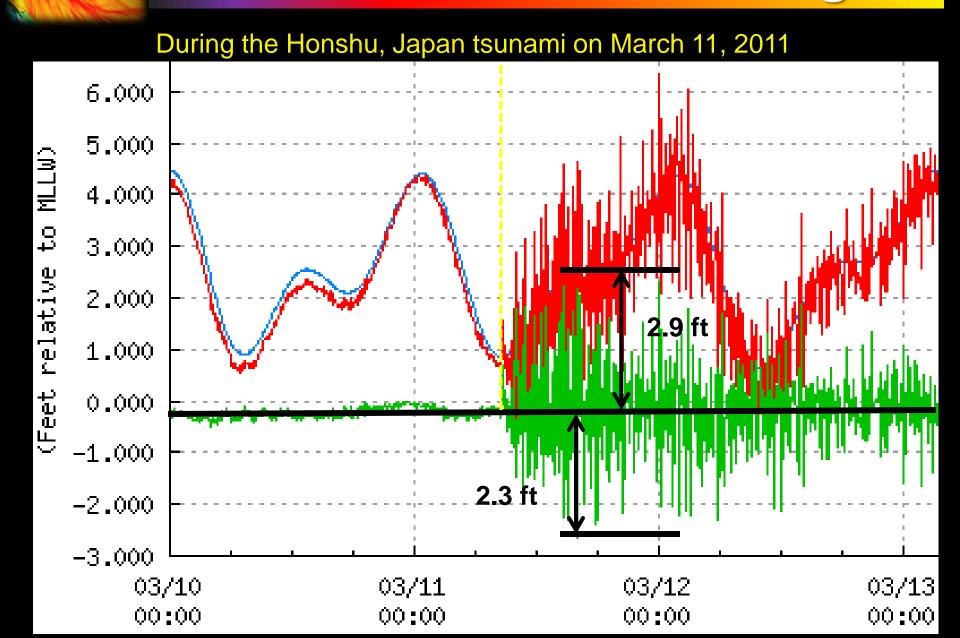


Santa Barbara Tide Gauge

During the Honshu, Japan tsunami on March 11, 2011



Santa Barbara Tide Gauge



National Weather Service Los Angeles/Oxnard

Located in Oxnard, California website - weather.gov/losangeles
Unlisted 805-988-6619

- Activate EAS through NOAA Weather Radio systems
- Wireless Emergency Alerts to cell phones through FEMA
- Provide local tsunami statements on expected impacts

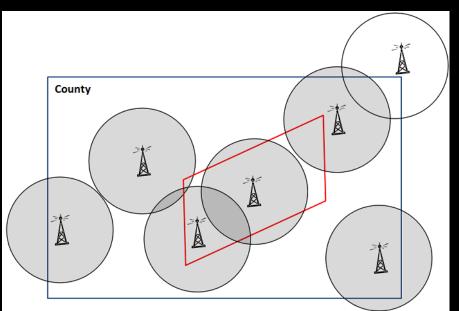


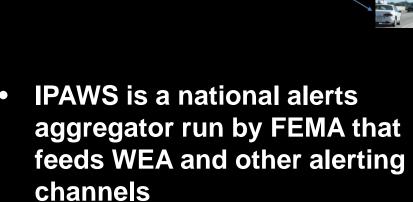


Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)

- WEA is a free public mobile alerting service that targets your current location using radio-like technology
- FEMA cell alerts only 90 characters long

Cell carrier targeting areas





FEMA

IPAWS



Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)

- Major carriers are committed to producing WEA capable phones
- If you travel into an alert area after it was originally sent, you should still receive it

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Severe

Warning Type	WEA Message		
Tsunami Warning	Tsunami danger on the coast. Go to high ground or move inland. Check local media. –NWS		
Tornado Warning	Tornado Warning in this area til hh:mm tzT. Take shelter now. Check local media. –NWS		
Extreme Wind Warning	Extreme Wind Warning this area til hh:mm tzT ddd. Take shelter. –NWS		
Hurricane Warning	Hurricane Warning this area til hh:mm tzT ddd. Check local media and authoritiesNWS		
Typhoon Warning	Typhoon Warning this area til hh:mm tzT ddd. Check local media and authoritiesNWS		
Flash Flood Warning	Flash Flood Warning this area til hh:mm tzT. Avoid flooded areas. Check local mediaNWS		
Dust Storm Warning	Dust Storm Warning in this area til hh:mm tzT ddd. Avoid travel. Check local mediaNWS		

Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)

Tsunami messages on WEA

- Tsunami warnings only and sent county-wide (not triggered if watch/advisory in effect – May 2014)
- No capability yet to only notify coastal zones or polygon area

Severe Alert

Emergency Alerts: Flash Flood Warning this area til 5:30 PM PST. Avoid flood areas. Check local media. -NWS

2:36PM, Feb 28

Extreme Alert

Emergency Alerts: Tornado Warning in this area til 4:00 AM PST. Take shelter now. Check local media. -NWS

3:25AM, Mar 1

NWS TsunamiReady Program

- Create minimum standard community guidelines for adequate tsunami readiness
- Strengthen communication between city/county and NWS Oxnard
- NWS Oxnard assists city/county EM to complete application
- Perform on-site WP and EOC verification "checklist." Tsunami sign placement.



TsunamiReady Recognition

- TsunamiReady recognition letter valid for 3 years, renewal for additional 3 years
- Official TsunamiReady sign & certificate
- Acquire points for NFIP for possible lower flood insurance rate
- Listing on StormReady/TsunamiReady Website.







Thank You!

Comments?
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Wave Height (cm)

0 20 40 60 80 100 120 140 160 180 200 220 240+